

## RICH AND POOR LOSE.

**BELCHER GOT \$100,000.**

**Victims Ready to Prosecute—Much Incriminating Evidence.**

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 3.—The investigations of Prosecutor Emley into the affairs of William H. Belcher, the still missing Mayor, show that his debts will amount to at least \$100,000. Debts amounting to \$75,000 have already been discovered, and Prosecutor Emley is not much below the surface of affairs.

The sympathy which was given to Mayor Belcher when his financial troubles first became known has now given way to anger and disgust, for the unlawful financing of Mayor Belcher has left a chain of victims and an amount far in excess of any estimates heretofore given. The Mayor was looked upon as a highly moral citizen. He was elected to office as a reform candidate, and no suspicion of wrongdoing had ever been directed to him prior to Monday, when he disappeared, under a cloud. According to the latest estimates he has fleeced friends and clients out of sums aggregating not less than \$100,000.

Assemblyman Wright has been engaged by the Department of Banking and Insurance to make a search of all the mortgages and deeds affecting the Manchester Building and Loan Association, of which Belcher was president and counsel. To-day half a dozen fraudulent mortgages were uncovered and the inquiry along this line has just begun.

Nearly all of the Mayor's personal and political friends who had cash to spare are involved to the extent of thousands of dollars, most of which was lent without any security. The day he left Paterson Mayor Belcher borrowed \$1,500 from J. Willard De Yoe, whose law office adjoins Belcher's. Prior to that time he had got \$1,200 on personal notes from De Yoe. Thomas F. Morgan, a grocer, recently advanced the Mayor \$500 without security.

"Yes, and I am ready to give him \$5,000 more if he needs it," was the only comment of Mr. Morgan to-night.

Mr. Morgan is one of the few men in Paterson who still have faith in the missing Mayor.

Mr. Belcher's loans from lawyers and others having an office in the Savings Institution Building, where Belcher has his office, alone aggregate over \$10,000.

George H. Burke, deputy collector of internal revenue, and perhaps Mr. Belcher's closest friend, heard that the Mayor was seen on Tuesday walking along the canal towpath in the direction of one of his farms at Midvale. Mr. Burke believes that the Mayor, worried over his financial trouble, has wandered into the mountains above Haskell.

Accompanied by John Pool, a hotel keeper in that vicinity, who knows the country well, he made a search through the mountains. The search consumed a whole day, and Mr. Burke returned to Paterson to-night. He said he had heard or seen nothing of the Mayor, and he was sure that none of his family or his friends knew anything of his whereabouts.

It is believed by some that the Mayor is with his wife on his way to California, where he has a brother in affluent circumstances.

At a meeting to-night of the directors of the Mutual Building and Loan Association it was decided to call in all passbooks. The notice to the shareholders will be accompanied by a blank receipt, to be signed by the secretary. This decision was brought about by the knowledge that money had been regularly paid as dues to Belcher at his office, that the dues were credited on the shareholders' books, but not on the books of the association.

It is believed that Belcher collected hundreds of dollars that never found their way to the association's treasury. It is believed that the largest individual loss through the operations of Mayor Belcher has been sustained by Mrs. Henry Latham, a widow. Belcher had charge of the Latham estate, valued at \$15,000. Mrs. Latham frequently asked for a settlement, but Belcher invariably managed to put her off. Mrs. Latham believes that the estate is lost to her.

The estate of the late Congressman James F. Stewart is also involved. It is valued at \$10,000 and the heirs believe that nothing has been left of it.

Each hour brings fresh revelations of the Mayor's swindling transactions. The bank officials from whose institutions about \$10,000 was obtained by Belcher on fraudulent securities appear to have been compensated. They declare that they have no intention of bringing criminal proceedings against him, but it has been learned that there are scores of other victims, some of whom intrusted all their savings to Belcher, and now find that they are the owners of worthless securities. These victims are only waiting an opportunity to make complaints at any time.

Alphonse Maneve, a hard working man, and his wife saved \$2,000 by depositing \$10 monthly in the Manchester Building and Loan Association. When the shares matured they suggested that Mayor Belcher, who was president of the association, invest the money for them. Belcher gave Maneve a fake mortgage on property in East 30th-st. The search indicated that the title came from Catherine Van Winkle, who sold the property to George S. Berdan. Berdan turned out to be a mythical person. Attached to the mortgage was a fake search, on which the name of ex-Tax Receiver Chester D. Ely was forged. The mortgage bears the forged signature of County Clerk John J. Slater. The stamp on the bogus document Belcher had made for the purpose. This stamp was found yesterday at Belcher's office. It is a square rubber affidavit, and red ink was used in making the impression. In this it would appear that Belcher had been guilty of two serious crimes—first, that of robbing Maneve of his savings, and the other, falsifying and forging public documents, which he did before the police, and the prosecutor, and will make a criminal complaint.

Another mortgage transaction has been brought to light. Belcher gave a mortgage on the property of the Mervese Land Company, of which he was president, to the Manchester Building and Loan Association, of which he was a director. It was for \$3,400, and those who got the money, and it is presumed that it went into Belcher's pocket. The fake rubber stamp was used in this case, and the name of the late county clerk, Winfield, was forged, although the mortgage was never recorded. It was found by Bank Examiner Conklin among the effects of the missing Mayor, and it was recorded yesterday.

Mrs. Cecilia Marin of Haskell declared yesterday that she paid Belcher as president of the Manchester Building and Loan Association \$1,800 to pay off a mortgage. That was three months ago. It was found yesterday that the mortgage had not been cancelled. Mrs. Marin has engaged counsel.

When it was discovered yesterday that the Mayor was indebted to many personal friends for large sums one victim said that Belcher had for years been robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Lawyers who have made an investigation learn that the property of Mayor Belcher has been mortgaged for amounts totaling \$100,000. His home in Paterson is worth about \$10,000, but the mortgages on it aggregate \$18,000. Mrs. Belcher carried a life insurance policy of \$25,000.

**PRIEST MAKES TARRYTOWN LIVELY.**

**Takes Wild Drives in Search of a Mythical Mme. Yale.**

A priest, who said his name was Father Kennedy, of Chicago, was arrested at Tarrytown yesterday by the police and later turned over to the care of Father McKenna, of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He was apparently insane.

Father Kennedy arrived in Tarrytown on Wednesday night, engaged a hackman and drove all over

town, apparently without any destination. What became of him until morning is not known.

He applied early yesterday at the West End livery stable for three seated rig. He started out with a boy, and after he had gone a short distance he put the boy out and drove off alone. Then he went to William Rockefeller's estate and drove over all the pretty lawns. He afterward said that the negro wanted to kill him, and that he was searching for a white man.

When he returned to the stable he excited commotion by throwing one of the boys out of a wagon.

Then the proprietor went for the police. When a sergeant appeared the priest asked him if he knew Mme. Yale.

"Yes, I know her," said the sergeant. "Come with me." yelled Father Kennedy, as he slapped the sergeant on the back. "We'll go to her at once."

He was taken to Police Headquarters and questioned. He told the police that he had been arrested. Before being arrested he went in twenty stores in Main-st. inquiring for Mme. Yale.

**COUNTY IN DEFAULT.**

**Mandamus to Compel Commissioners to Pay Off Railroad Bonds.**

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 3.—Fearing that the New-York bondholders would demand a receiver for Santa Fe County unless the interest and principal on outstanding bonds were paid at once, John R. McFele, at Santa Fe to-day, issued a temporary mandamus against the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, directing them at once to levy a tax to pay the interest and principal on railroad bonds issued by the county in 1882, and upon which it has defaulted.

Although the assessed valuation of the county is less than \$2,000,000, its indebtedness is \$1,000,000, and default has been made for years in the interest payment on the bonds issued to aid the Santa Fe system and the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad to enter that city, and principally held New-York.

**WOUNDED DOG HALTS POLICE DUTY.**

**Regulations Stayed Until Little Canine Sufferer Is Attended to.**

The police of the West 90th-st. station were being turned out at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Sergeant McGloin was at the desk, instructing the men, while at the door, to prevent interruption, was "Jim" O'Connor, the doorman.

Suddenly there was a scratching at the door, and opening it an inch told the intruder to "wait a minute." This injunction failed, for the scratching continued.

"Who's that at the door?" asked the sergeant.

O'Connor peeped out. "It's a dog," he said.

"Chase it," said the sergeant.

"I did, but it won't go," replied the doorman. He looked out again and saw that the dog was injured. It was a black and tan, a little waf of the streets, and it hobbled on three legs. The fourth was bleeding and crushed.

Sergeant McGloin ordered the men to fall back, and the door was opened. In trotted the pup. Straight to the desk it staggered and looked up at Sergeant McGloin. A telephone message was sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, while the little sufferer was made comfortable on some rags. The wagon soon appeared and the dog was taken away. Then the men were sent on duty.

The dog dragged itself from 8th-ave. and 90th-st., where it had been run over by a car, and had gone to the station house, where it had found relief it sought.

**PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.**

The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday with the Clerk of the United States District Court:

An involuntary petition was filed against J. M. MacNeil & Co., stock brokers, No. 26 Broadway, by credit Alfred C. Foster, Jr., with a claim of \$100. Gerard C. Heesemann, New York City, \$100. William G. Wilson, Troy, \$400. The petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the court from the jurisdiction of the court, and delay creditors.

John Mayers, Jr., No. 424 West 124th-st., liabilities, \$521; no assets.

Edwin W. Claffey, attorney, Esq., 425 st., liabilities, \$10,000. The principal creditors are New-York Builders Co., \$10,000; Mr. Burnett Lumber Co., Bridgeport, \$1,500; Francis P. Cushing, Esq., attorney, \$1,000; and Frank E. Braun, No. 53 Avenue B, with a business, \$2,000.

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**AUCTION SALES YESTERDAY.**

At 14 Vesey st.—Mount Vernon-ave. near Kepler-ave., and 8th and 88th st. on map of E. K. Willard's property, at Woodlawn Heights, foreclosure sale, sold to Leo Hunter for \$2,225.

By Joseph P. Day, trustee, 111 st., \$300 fee of Maple-ave. West Chester, 20th-st., foreclosure sale, sold to the Central Brewing Company of New Jersey for \$8,000.

**BUILDING LOAN CONTRACTS.**

Hillside, w. s. 25 ft. s. of Jefferson-ave., 25x100; the Bank of America, 25 ft. s. of Jefferson-ave., 25x100; Association loans Harry Berkowitz, East Broadway, No. 62, Caesar Ettinger loans Mary A. Hogan, Clara M. Clarke and Georgiana P. Sullivan.

**SATISFIED MECHANICS' LIENS.**

Jackson, n. w. corner 158th-st. Potts & Stevens, agent, The Union Realty Company, al. June 14, 1905. The debtors are J. L. Clegg, Jr., with a claim of \$100. Gerard C. Heesemann, New York City, \$100. William G. Wilson, Troy, \$400. The petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the court from the jurisdiction of the court, and delay creditors.

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**TRANSACTIONS IN REALTY.**

Klein & Jackson have sold No. 325 West 88th-st., a six story dwelling house, on a plot 42x102 feet. The same firm has bought from Hermann C. Fisher No. 111 West 88th-st., a four story dwelling house, on a lot 20x103 feet. It has also bought from Francis A. Carlson No. 109 West 89th-st., a five story dwelling house, on a lot 20x103 irregular. This farm consists of ten acres, and is said to be directly in the path of the New-York Connecting Railroad.

John Thompson & Son, 109 West 89th-st., have sold to Francis A. Carlson No. 109 West 89th-st., a five story dwelling house, on a plot 42x102 feet, adjoining the four similar houses.

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**SATISFIED JUDGMENTS.**

The first name is that of the debtor, the second that of the creditor, and date when judgment was filed:

Crover, John J.—A. Albin, June 19, 1905. Elbert, F. J.—A. J. Whitney, June 4, 1904. Knight, Henry W.—A. Albin, June 19, 1905. Newman, William C.—J. W. Whitney, June 4, 1904. Newbury, Henry C.—H. W. Plumb, April 8, 1905. Peacock, John F.—A. Albin, June 27, 1905.

**JUDGMENTS.**

The following judgments were filed yesterday, the first naming being that of the debtor:

Bennet, Edward T.—A. James, June 14, 1905. Charles B. Jr.—Abraham Hardwick Co., 1945 1/2, 1946 1/2, 1947 1/2, 1948 1/2, 1949 1/2, 1950 1/2, 1951 1/2, 1952 1/2, 1953 1/2, 1954 1/2, 1955 1/2, 1956 1/2, 1957 1/2, 1958 1/2, 1959 1/2, 1960 1/2, 1961 1/2, 1962 1/2, 1963 1/2, 1964 1/2, 1965 1/2, 1966 1/2, 1967 1/2, 1968 1/2, 1969 1/2, 1970 1/2, 1971 1/2, 1972 1/2, 1973 1/2, 1974 1/2, 1975 1/2, 1976 1/2, 1977 1/2, 1978 1/2, 1979 1/2, 1980 1/2, 1981 1/2, 1982 1/2, 1983 1/2, 1984 1/2, 1985 1/2, 1986 1/2, 1987 1/2, 1988 1/2, 1989 1/2, 1990 1/2, 1991 1/2, 1992 1/2, 1993 1/2, 1994 1/2, 1995 1/2, 1996 1/2, 1997 1/2, 1998 1/2, 1999 1/2, 1900 1/2, 1901 1/2, 1902 1/2, 1903 1/2, 1904 1/2, 1905 1/2, 1906 1/2, 1907 1/2, 1908 1/2, 1909 1/2, 1910 1/2, 1911 1/2, 1912 1/2, 1913 1/2, 1914 1/2, 1915 1/2, 1916 1/2, 1917 1/2, 1918 1/2, 1919 1/2, 1920 1/2, 1921 1/2, 1922 1/2, 1923 1/2, 1924 1/2, 1925 1/2, 1926 1/2, 1927 1/2, 1928 1/2, 1929 1/2, 1930 1/2, 1931 1/2, 1932 1/2, 1933 1/2, 1934 1/2, 1935 1/2, 1936 1/2, 1937 1/2, 1938 1/2, 1939 1/2, 1940 1/2, 1941 1/2, 1942 1/2, 1943 1/2, 1944 1/2, 1945 1/2, 1946 1/2, 1947 1/2, 1948 1/2, 1949 1/2, 1950 1/2, 1951 1/2, 1952 1/2, 1953 1/2, 1954 1/2, 1955 1/2, 1956 1/2, 1957 1/2, 1958 1/2, 1959 1/2, 1960 1/2, 1961 1/2, 1962 1/2, 1963 1/2, 1964 1/2, 1965 1/2, 1966 1/2, 1967 1/2, 1968 1/2, 1969 1/2, 1970 1/2, 1971 1/2, 1972 1/2, 1973 1/2, 1974 1/2, 1975